

ABSTRACT

A “parental control” (“PC”) telephone subscriber feature on a telephone system
5 is disclosed. An authorized subscriber, such as a parent, may enter a feature code
which initiates the PC feature. To deactivate the feature, the subscriber enters the code
and is prompted for an authorization code, such as a personal identification number
("PIN"). If the authorization code entered matches the authorization code on file for
the subscriber, the PC feature is deactivated. If no match is found in the subscriber
10 database for the PIN, the feature is not deactivated.